

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 and 14-21 are pending in the application. No claim amendments are presented, thus no new matter is added.

In the Office Action, Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,085,171 to Leonard et al. (herein, Leonard); Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Leonard; and Claims 1-8 and 14-21 are allowed. Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects Claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Leonard. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, as independent Claim 9 recites features clearly not disclosed by Leonard.

Amended independent Claim 9 recites, in part, an authentication requesting terminal comprising:

- authentication information storing module configured to store authentication information for utilization of the first service;
- first message transmitting module configured to transmit a message based on the authentication information in the authentication information storing module and according to an authentication method;
- other service utilization request transmitting module configured to transmit a utilization request for utilization of a second service when the first service is available;
- permission response receiving module configured to receive a permission response based on a permission message; and
- a communication device configured to ***access at least one of the first and second services based on at least one of the authentication information and the permission message.***

As described in an exemplary embodiment at Figs 5, 10 and 11 of the specification, the authentication requesting terminal 30 may be authenticated to use a first service, and request authorization to access a second service when the first service is available. The

authentication requesting terminal may then access the first and/or second services accordingly. As described at p. 41, ll. 14-17 of the specification, the authentication requesting terminal 30 and the service utilizing terminal 40, may be embodied in the same terminal.

Turning to the applied reference, Leonard describes a system for processing an order to change communication service, which includes a client 10 that receives order data from a customer that desires to change a communication service.¹ The system also includes a server 90 coupled to the client 10, which receives the order data from the client, generates a service request using the order data, and initiates communication of the service request to a communication service provider 210 of the customer to change communication service.²

Leonard, however, fails to teach or suggest an authentication requesting terminal that performs the authorization steps defined in Claim 9, and “*accesses at least one of the first and second services based on at least one of the authentication information and the permission message.*”

More particularly, client 10 of Leonard does not perform all the features of the “authentication requesting terminal” recited in independent Claim 9. As described at col. 3, l. 55 –col. 4, l. 9, the client 10 in Leonard is used for changing a communication service of a communication device 232 of customers 230. Thus, the client 10 does not, itself, use the communication service for which a change has been requested. Claim 9, on the other hand, recites that the authentication requesting terminal is a terminal (e.g., mobile terminal) capable of utilizing a second service when a first service is available.

In rebutting similar arguments presented in the previous response, pp. 2-3 of the Office Action cites col. 5, ll. 5-25 of Leonard and asserts that the reference “does indeed teach a communications device” and “the client and local communications device are the

¹ Leonard, Abstract and Fig. 1.

² Id.

same device”. The communicating device 11 in Leonard, however, differs from the “authentication requesting terminal” recited in independent Claim 9. More particularly, as described at Fig. 5 and col. 5, ll. 6-24, the communicating device 11 in Leonard is a personal computer that is used for receiving an order 8 from a customer 230, and does not allow the client 10 to access a service. Independent Claim 9, on the other hand, recites that the “authentication requesting terminal ... ***accesses at least one of the first and second services based on at least one of the authentication information and the permission message.***”

Therefore, Leonard fails to teach or suggest an authentication requesting terminal that performs the authorization functions defined in Claim 9, and “***accesses at least one of the first and second services based on at least one of the authentication information and the permission message.***”

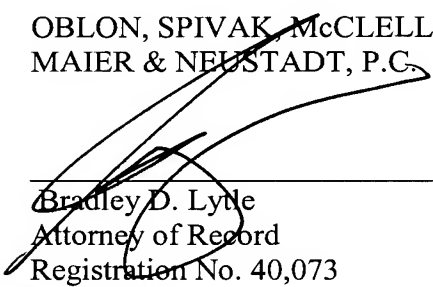
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claim 9 (and Claims 10 and 11, which depend therefrom) under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

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Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the forgoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by Claims 1-11 and 14-21 is patentably distinguishing over the applied references. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of the application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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